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Egg decorating workshop will be hosted by Department of Agriculture **There is still time to enter DDA's Whitehouse Decorated Egg Contest**

The Delaware Department of Agriculture is calling all ages, crafters, painters, and artists to participate in the 2006 Delaware White House Decorated Egg Contest. To prepare for the contest, the Department is hosting an Egg decorating workshop on Thursday September 22, 2005 at 6pm. An experienced egg artist will demonstrate the basics of egg decorating from preparing the egg for decorating to decorating techniques.

Each year since 1994, each state sends a decorated egg to the White House for display. Local crafters and artists create decorated eggs which represent each state and the District of Columbia. Eggs can be decorated in any fashion using paints, beads, decoupage, etching, carving, and more.

Delaware's winning egg is currently on display at the White House in Washington, DC. Jan Durham of Dover, DE was the winning artist for the 2005 display. Jan's egg honored her mother and her Delaware Native American heritage. To see her egg you can view this website address:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/easter/2005/eggsbystate/index.html#>

The Egg Decorating contest is open to any Delaware resident interested in pursuing the art of egg decorating. The winning egg will received \$100 and an invitation from the White House to see the state eggs displayed with a welcome reception by the First Lady.

If you are interested in attending the Egg Decorating workshop please contact Cindy Davis or Anne Fitzgerald at 1-800-282-8685 (DE only) or 302-698-4500, or via email anne.fitzgerald@state.de.us.

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